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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Lhing-Yew Li, et al.

Serial No.: 10/067,974

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PATENT APPLICATION

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS FOR
INCREASED LYSINE PRODUCTION

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kerr, Kathleen M.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
June 9, 2004

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NON-FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Official Action mailed February 11, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned Application, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 11, 2004. A petition for extension of time of one month is included herein, extending the time for response to June 11, 2004. The Examiner's objections and rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this Response.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this Response and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 6 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this Response.

Appendices A and B, including a declaration (Appendix A) and amended drawing figures (Appendix B) are attached following page 19 of this Response.